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Hogtown Brewers
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## Hogtown Brewers Donate Thousands to Local Charities and Win National Homebrew Club of the Year

Gainesville, Florida – Each year the Hogtown Brewers donate tens of thousands of dollars to multiple charities from the funds raised at their Hoggetowne Medieval Faire beer booth and their annual Hogtown Craft Beer Festival. Extensive dedication to helping local charities largely contributed to the Hogtown Brewers winning the American Homebrewers Association's Radegast Homebrew Club- of-the-Year award at the recent national homebrew conference on June 11, 2016 in Baltimore, MD. The award is based on philanthropy, homebrew promotion, education initiatives, diversity efforts, and the efforts of its members to use homebrewing as a tool to benefit their greater local community. The Hogtown Brewers are only the third homebrew club in the nation to win this award.

Established in 1985, the Hogtown Brewers pride themselves as a merry band of beer enthusiasts with a home brewing problem and a big heart for local charities. The club's over 200 members enjoy brewing up interesting beers in the comfort of their driveways and sharing their tasty concoctions with friends, family, and fellow beer fans. However, it is their dedication to other types of sharing that has gotten this humble club recognized not only at the local level, but on this recent national scale as well.

In their last fiscal year, they donated over \$40,000 to multiple local non-profit organizations. Moreover, they are off to a great start in 2016 by raising more than \$30,000 via proceeds from this year's Hogtown Craft Beer Festival that was held in April. Peaceful Paths, Stop Children's Cancer, Alachua Conservation Trust, Rebuilding Together, Lubee Bat Conservatory, and Alachua Habitat for Humanity are just some of the beneficiaries. The Hogtown Brewers also donate their time: club members volunteer thousands of hours annually to charities that are near and dear to them.

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The Hogtown Brewers, established in 1985, is an American Homebrew Association sanctioned homebrew club. The Hogtown Brewers are dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the art of brewing as well as the appreciation of the many and varied styles of beer from around the world.